

Dec 1, 1974

Dear Mom & Dad,

It was very windy and rainy today and the power went off for a few hours. We lit the candles, put on sweaters, and got along O.K. We practice bridge using two holders so that each person can see his own and his partner's cards. We came in 4th out of 8 on Tue night to earn a fraction of a point.

Thanksgiving was a lot of fun. The Kiddelli's and some other friends came over. One girl had a baby that cried all the time - it's nice that Diane doesn't due that. We got your letter with the picture and we already have distilled water. We may be somewhat rural, but most things are available without too much trouble!

We're really looking forward to your visit and we will all have a good time. I guess you will miss Saul's wedding, but that really won't matter. We're really down on Christmas presents so hope no one sends anything. When we see the baby we'll have a present for her.

Remember your warm clothes. We may have some snow tomorrow. Of course, it can be 70° on Christmas - it's hard to tell.

We want to go skiing in Quebec in January and there is a ship going to the Med in Feb. I know I wouldn't go on another train, but it's free transportation to and from Italy and takes 12 days. See you in 3 weeks -

Jim & Vickie